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1. IN THE COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR JULY 26, FLEMISH STATE SECRETARY MARK EYSKENS SAID HE IS PLANNING TO ORGANIZE A FOREIGN INVESTMENT SEMINAR IN EARLY OCTOBER. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE FROM THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, SELECTED HEADS OF IMPORTANT FOREIGN COMPANIES IN BELGIUM, AS WELL AS FROM THE FEDERATION DES ENTREPRISES DE BELGIQUE (FEB) AND FROM THE LABOR UNIONS.

2. MAJOR FOCUS OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE ON THE NEW INVESTMENT INCENTIVE MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO SUBMIT TO PARLIAMENT THIS FALL. EYSKENS REFERRED TO THESE AS INCLUDING BROADENED BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS FOR DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION, ETC. (PRESUMABLY UNENACTED MEASURES LEFT OVER FROM THE ECONOMIC EGMONT PLAN EARLIER THIS YEAR). IN RESPONSE TO EYSKENS' QUERY, AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO COLLABORATE IN ORGANIZING THE SEMINAR AND PARTICIPATE IN IT.

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3. EYSKENS REMARKED THAT THIS SORT OF "PUBLIC RELATIONS" EFFORT WOULD BE A USEFUL WAY TO CLEAR THE AIR AFTER RECENT CONTROVERSIAL AMCHAM REPORT ON BELGIAN BUSINESS CLIMATE (SEE BRUSSELS A-159). HE SAID THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN MULTINATIONALS CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF HIS MAJOR CONCERNS. EYSKENS ALSO CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT HE HOPES TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN FEBRUARY 1978 TO SEEK NEW

U.S. INVESTMENT FOR FLANDERS. OLSEN

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